1987-88. Under the scheme, approval has been given for creating an infrastructure of about 21000 Sections in about 9500 Schools to introduce teaching of vocational subjects and capacity has been created for about 10 lakh students. The total grant so far released under the scheme from the inception has been to the tune of Rs. 765 crores. The budget provision for the year 2006-07 is Rs. 20 crores.

Under the scheme, a total amount of Rs. 2338.86 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa since inception for conducting 924 vocational sections in 231 schools/junior colleges. However, no fund has been released to the State Government of Orissa during the 10th Five Year Plan.

Fee hike in IIMs

585. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to hike fees by the Indian Institutes of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Board of Governors (BoGs) of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore have decided to increase the tuition fee for their Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM) from the academic session 2007-08 from Rs. 1.75 lakh to Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.

New IITs

586. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start new Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Kerala had submitted any proposals in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government of Kerala had submitted a proposal to open an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in that State. However, on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to Prime Minister (SAC-PM), Government has decided to set up three new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) during the 11th Five Year Plan in Bihar in the East, Rajasthan in the West and Andhra Pradesh in the South.

Suicides by student at IITs

587. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of students have committed suicides or attempted suicides at various IITs in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that on November 6, 2006, a student from Kerala committed suicide at IIT, Kanpur;

(c) whether Government have noted the casual attitude of managements of IITs to suicide amongst students.

(d) what steps will be taken to hold the authorities accountable for each and every suicide on their campuses; and

(e) the steps proposed to check such suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Some students have committed suicides or attempted suicides at various IITs in the last three years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Events of suicides are taken very seriously. Following steps have been taken by the authorities of IITs to check cases of suicides:—

(i) Counseling which looks into all aspects *viz.* personal, financial, psychological and emotional problems of the students;